

Lakeside LIVING

Seasonal Changes

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- Lake Poinsett Lake-Wide Clean Up
- Lake Albert State Boat Launch
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Newsletter Guidelines

To ensure the Lake Poinsett Association (LPA) has enough content for its newsletters, the Association will begin paying individuals for stories submitted AND published in its newsletters and social media. Newsletter submission rules will be used to determine which articles will be used. The rules are available on the LPA website, lakepoinsett.org.

Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Examples of stories include those about lake history; interesting people or places; fishing, boating or sporting activities; community outreach and support.

Stories must be typed, double-spaced and in Arial or Times New Roman font. We will accept Adobe or Microsoft Word file types.

Individuals will be given credit for their story in newsletters and social media. Please include your name and a sentence or two about yourself with your submission.

One or two photos may be included with a story but if the quality is deemed insufficient by the newsletter designer, another photo may accompany the published story.

Email your stories to lakepoinsettsd@gmail.com.

LPA has no obligation to use a submitted story. LPA retains the right to correct grammar, spelling or sentence structure, as long as content and intent are not altered.

Editorial/opinion submissions will not be accepted.

A single payment will be made **IF** a story is published in an LPA newsletter or social media.

The LPA reserves the right to publish multiple

times at the rate of a single payment.

- \$25 for 500 words or less
- \$50 for 500-1000 words

LPA will not pay additional monies if stories are shared on social media.

Individuals submitting on behalf of an organization will not be paid; for example, South Dakota Game Fish & Parks, Lake Poinsett Sanitary District, or Lake Poinsett Water Board.

There are no payments for content ideas or photo submissions.

Stories will be accepted year-round. Individuals will be notified of status of their story submissions within 30 days. ■

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*Membership Directories
Delivered*

Lake Poinsett Association (LPA) board members distributed directories in person to members on Memorial Day weekend. Additional membership directories will be mailed to members who were unavailable or requested mail delivery. Please email lakepoinsettsd@gmail.com if you have questions about the membership directory. ■

Thank You

Thank you to Weiland Marine for putting in the handicap dock at Sorenson Beach!

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SUBMISSIONS INFORMATION

Have something to submit? We are happy to hear from you! Deadlines for submissions are due by the third Friday of each month. You may submit your stories to the email listed above under content coordinator. A single payment will be made *IF* a story is published in an LPA newsletter or social media. The LPA reserves the right to publish multiple times at the rate of a single payment.

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Have questions?
Visit www.lakepoinsett.org for more information.

IDEAS, PHOTOS, AND FEEDBACK

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CONTENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

June 26, 2020

Dear residents,

Welcome to a new lake season and some relief from the flooding woes of last year! Now more than ever the support of friends and neighbors is needed to get us through the COVID-19 pandemic and help with the restoration of our lake properties. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Lake Poinsett Association pancake breakfast this year due to safety concerns. This is disappointing because it was considered a time of fellowship among members. We are hopeful that we can hold other activities this summer to fill the void and keep members active. I sincerely hope that you find this newsletter informational and look forward to future contributions from you, the members.

Joan Mohr, President
Lake Poinsett Association

Expert contributors

To learn more about becoming an expert contributor, contact lakepoinsettsd@gmail.com



No Wake Zone Ends

South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks has ended the no wake zone order restricting boats to no greater than 5 miles per hour within 300 feet of the shoreline on Lake Poinsett. Be mindful that there are swimmers and wildlife close to shore, so please boat safely!

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Protect Your Happy Place

Lake homeowners are among the groups most likely to be impacted by infestations of zebra mussels or other aquatic invasive species (AIS). Problems caused by zebra mussels for lake homeowners include::

- Damage to boats, motors, and docks
- Increases in toxic blue-green algae blooms
- Covering shorelines with razor sharp shells
- Fouling the taste and smell of drinking water
- Removing large amounts of food for native mussels, bait fish, and young sport fish



In addition to all the damage that could be caused to your local lake, zebra mussels are the most expensive invasive species to manage and mitigate. An estimated \$1 billion is spent annually on reducing their impacts in the U.S. alone, with the greatest impact to water infrastructure (think hydropower, irrigation, domestic water supplies). Also, once zebra mussels become established in a lake, it is nearly impossible to eradicate them. This is why it is so important to prevent their spread to new waterbodies!

Larval zebra mussels, called veligers, easily

spread in raw water. They are microscopic (smaller than the width of a human hair) and can survive up to a month in raw water! It is important to never transport fish or bait in water from lakes, rivers, or streams because this raw water can contain hundreds of zebra mussel veligers. A recent study at Lewis and Clark marina found a five-gallon bucket of water collected in late July contained an average of 900 zebra mussel veligers!

Additionally, invasive plants such as curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil have been making their way into South Dakota waters. These invasive plants form dense mats that make it hard to swim, boat, or fish, outcompete native vegetation that is beneficial to fish and waterfowl, degrade water quality, and cause smelly windrows on shorelines when they decay. Aquatic invasive plants can spread when small fragments or seeds are transported between water bodies.

"Zebra mussels in my lake... what's the big deal?"

How You Can Help!

To help slow and prevent the spread of zebra mussels and other AIS, Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is encouraging everyone to:

- Eliminate any water transferred between water bodies through bait buckets, boats, trailers, docks, or other water-based equipment.
- Self-inspect and, if necessary, decontaminate watercraft coming from infested waters.
- Make a conscious effort to educate themselves about how to reduce the risk of moving AIS.

Boats in contact with an infested water for 3 or more continuous days have the highest risk for zebra mussels to attach, but invasive plants and mussels can be transported in raw water, mud, and vegetation after a single use.

It is very important that boaters self-inspect their watercraft and make sure to clean, drain, and dry their boats, trailers, and equipment after every use to stop the spread of AIS to other waters.

Lake homeowners can also help slow the spread by inspecting their boat docks for zebra mussels when they pull them from the water in the fall.

Boaters should always:

1. Remove all water, plants, or mud before and after every launch.
2. Drain all water-retaining devices (livewells, bilges, and ballast tanks) when leaving a boat ramp parking area.
3. Leave all plugs out until the boat gets to a boat ramp area for their next launch, so a boat can completely drain and dry.
4. Drain the lower unit of your boat motor and bring a sponge or towel to dry the interior compartments and the bilge area.

Changes in 2020

Beginning in 2020, all watercraft that pass a watercraft inspection station will be required to stop for a mandatory inspection. These inspections should only take 1-2 minutes if you have been cleaning, draining, and drying after each use. Boats with visible AIS or standing water onboard will be required to undergo a decontamination. These inspections and decontaminations should educate boaters on how best to help prevent the spread of AIS.

The more we can slow the spread, the longer we can go without environmental impacts and mitigation costs and the more likely that we will find an effective control method. Please do your part to slow the spread and encourage others to do the same – protect your happy places! ■



Pet of the Month

Submitted by: Drake Mohr family



Fynn

This is our five-year old yellow lab, Fynn, and he is full of energy! He loves going for boat rides, jumping off the dock, and playing with our neighbor's dog, Katie! He cries when he doesn't get to go fishing! We love you, Fynn!

Photo credit: Amanda Konechne

Lake Albert State Boat Launch

The South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks (GFP) is making improvements to the state boat launch located on the east side of Lake Albert along highway 81.

The project started last fall with removal of small trees and brush. Record precipitation in 2019 delayed winter plans to remove cut trees and bring in rock and gravel to firm up and expand the parking area. Despite continued damp conditions this spring, that work has now been completed. Pending rain delays, the goal is to bring in more gravel in the coming weeks. When gravel improvement is complete and the parking lot is expanded, a parking barrier will be installed along the Right-of-Way (ROW) boundary. This means that lake users will park vehicles outside of the ROW, further away from highway 81.

According to Kip Rounds, GFP Fisheries Biologist, the ultimate goal of the project is to improve the safety and parking capacity by expanding the parking lot and allowing lake users to use the parking lot in a safer, more efficient way.

There are plans to improve parking opportunities for shore anglers in the coming months. ■

Sorenson Beach Cleanup

Members of the Lake Poinsett Association collected garbage on Sorenson and Hammer's Pasture Beaches on Saturday, May 23rd. Thanks to the following individuals for helping with the cleanup: Deb Eisenbeisz, Wally Grogan, Kevin & Kim Johnson, Tammie Jorgensen, Rod McGinnis, Joel Mohlenhoff, Drake & Joan Mohr, Dan Sternhagen - Game, Fish and Parks, Scott Ross, Barb Zavala, and daughter Brittny Zavala.

In 2018, the Lake Poinsett Association (LPA) adopted Sorenson Beach as part of a new South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Adopt-a-Lake program. ■



UPCOMING EVENTS

Boat Parade on 4th of July Weekend

This year's 4th of July boat parade will be Sunday, July 5th at 10:30 a.m. Decorate your boat with festive 4th of July flag decorations. Load up your family and friends (Be mindful of social distancing recommendation.) Be at the designated departure location or join up with the parade from your spot on the lake. Look for the lead boat and follow it. Have fun! That's all there is to it!

The parade will try to circle the lake once. However, you can drop out of the parade at any time. Departure location and direction are subject to change due to winds. Please check the Lake Poinsett Facebook page or the Events calendar at www.lakepoinsett.org morning of the parade to get the final departure location and direction!

See you there! ■

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Sailing Regatta on August 15th



The Lake Poinsett Regatta, sponsored by the Lake Poinsett Sailing Academy, will be held Saturday, August 15th and is open to all sailboat classes. The regatta will be held at Smokins' on the Lake at Lake Poinsett.

The skippers meeting will be at 10:30 followed by Red Flag Start at 11:30 a.m. Depending on weather conditions, a decision will be made at the skippers meeting concerning sailing for the day. If the wind is greater than 25 mph, less than 5 mph, or threat of lightning, the regatta may be postponed until Sunday, August 16th, with a similar starting time.

Entrance fee is \$50 per boat. Each entrant will receive a t-shirt. Additional shirts, flags and hats may be purchased at the event. Ask at the registration table.

Food will be available inside the restaurant. Contact Clark Perkins at 605-691-9130 or clarkdeb@brookings.net with names, boat type. ■

The Lake Poinsett Sanitary District is pleased to provide the

Lake Poinsett Lake-Wide Clean Up

Beginning June 22nd, 2020

All residential property owners that have garbage through the Lake Poinsett Sanitary District (LPSD) are welcome to participate. Items must be placed at the side of the road by 6 A.M. on June 22nd. Please do not start placing items out for collection until the third week of June. The LPSD and Brookings Dumpster Service (BDS) reserve the right to decline picking up any piles that do not meet the following conditions:

ALL ITEMS MUST BE SORTED AND SEPARATED MIXED PILES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

Acceptable Items:

- WOOD: needs to be cut into manageable sizes of 4 feet in length, at maximum
- GLASS: all items containing glass must have it removed and placed in a separate container
- FURNITURE: do not allow these items to become saturated with water, cover with a tarp if put out before the Clean Up date
- CARPET: must be cut into manageable sizes
- APPLIANCES: stoves, microwaves, water heaters, ect.
- IRON / SCRAP METAL: must be sorted and in manageable sizes
- EQUIPMENT: all fluids and liquids must be drained; oil, gasoline, ect.
- MISC. MATERIALS: no contaminants, paint cans cannot contain wet paint
- GENERAL WEIGHT RESTRICTION RULE: "If you can't lift it - we can't either."

Unacceptable Items:

yard waste, household refuse, hazardous waste, waste oil, liquid paint or chemicals, items containing freon, batteries, branches, tires, concrete

Remodeling and construction materials are not allowed unless prior arrangements are made with BDS before the Clean Up date. *Extra fees apply.* ■